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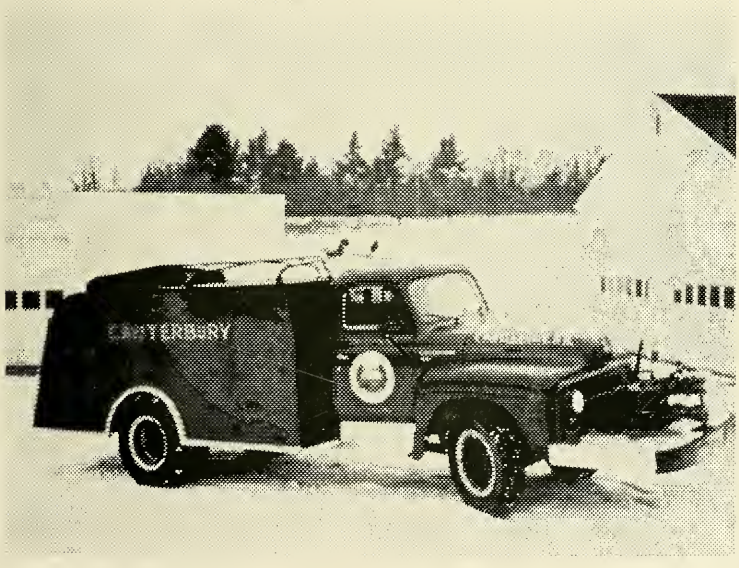

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TOWN OFFICERS

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NORMAN A. BROWN
CARL A. THUNBERG ARTHUR G. BROWN
Clerk of the Board—SHIRLEY F. DOUBLEDAY

TOWN CLERK

SABIN N. GUERTIN

TOWN TREASURER

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RICHARD A. DICKSON
(Acting Treasurer)

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ROAD AGENT

PHILIP K. STONE

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HEALTH OFFICER

RICHARD A. DICKSON

FIRE WARDEN

COLIN HEATH

LIBRARIAN

MARIAN TOWNSEND

OVERSEER OF THE POOR

NORMAN A. BROWN

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GEORGE M. GRACE

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MODERATOR
J. RALPH GRAHAM, Sr.

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK-LIST
LUCILLE KEELER RAYMOND GLINES
CHARLES GILMAN

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WILLIAM COCHRANE HERBERT N. LAMPREY

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Chief—RALPH KEELER, Jr.
First Deputy—COLIN M. HEATH
Sec.-Treas.—ROBERT V. LEE

BUDGET COMMITTEE

OLIVER FIFIELD	J. RALPH GRAHAM, Jr.
RAYMOND GLINES	RALPH R. NOYES
ERNEST GOULD	GEORGE D. PEVERLY
GEORGE M. GRACE	ALEXANDER STANDISH

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

(L. S.)

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Canterbury in the County of Merrimack, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Canterbury on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing, and meet at 7:30 of the clock in the evening.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the town will vote to give the selectmen authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

4. To see if the town will authorize the board of selectmen to sell, lease or otherwise transfer, at a public sale, any and all real property acquired by the town by tax collector's deed.

5. To see if the town will vote a sum of money not exceeding $150.00 to relocate the missing bounds on the Northfield line and extend the Gilmanton bound to the edge of Rocky Pond.

6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding $70.00 (less than 1/100th of one percent of the Town's assessed valuation) to the Merrimack Valley Region Association as the town's proportionate share

in publicizing and promoting all interests in this Region, or act in relation thereto.

7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to appoint a road agent, instead of having one elected.

8. (By petition) To see if the town will vote to recognize THE CANTERBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INCORPORATED, as the official fire fighting agency of the community and that any reference to the Fire Department be construed as referring to that body.

9. (By petition) To see if the town will vote that all funds raised and appropriated for the Fire Department shall be expended for goods, services, maintenance of equipment, new equipment or any other lawful Fire Department expense as directed by the Fire Department.

10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell the 1937 Chevrolet fire truck, the money to be applied toward the rebuilding of the 1951 Chevrolet chassis.

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

NORMAN A. BROWN,
CARL A. THUNBERG,
ARTHUR G. BROWN,
Selectmen of Canterbury

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

NORMAN A. BROWN,
CARL A. THUNBERG,
ARTHUR G. BROWN,
Selectmen of Canterbury

CLERK'S REPORT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MARCH 9, 1954

The Meeting was called to order at 11 A. M.
Declared open by the Moderator J. Ralph Graham, Sr.
Prayer was offered by Mrs. Ida Higgins.
Reading of the posting of the warrant, and then reading of the articles of same by the Moderator.

Motion was made and carried that the polls remain open until 8 P. M.

The assembly then voted to work under Article I, which is election of offices, and other business of the meeting was recessed until 8 P. M.

At 8 P. M. the Moderator declared the polls closed, and the other articles taken up.

ARTICLE II

Under this article it was voted the Moderator appoint four persons to count the ballots cast through the day, while the other articles were being considered and acted upon. Motion was carried to consider each item of the Budget separately, after which the Budget would be accepted as a whole as amended. The result was that the Budget was accepted as a whole except that the item for contribution to the Concord Hospital was defeated and taken from the Budget total.

Total estimated budget was	$ 22,794.49
Less Hospital contribution	582.00
Budget as accepted	$22,212.49

ARTICLE III

To give the Selectmen authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes carried as read.

ARTICLE IV

To establish a Planning and Development Board was accepted as read. Board to make a study and suggest plans and report to the next meeting of March 1955.

ARTICLE V

Adoption of building regulations was defeated after considerable debate.

ARTICLE VI

Rebuilding of bridge over Pickard Brook was carried limiting sum to be spent at not more than $3500.

ARTICLE VII

To give the Selectmen authority to sell property acquired by Town. This article accepted with the following amendment — that such property be properly and publicly advertised before sale of same.

ARTICLE VIII

Accepted as amended as follows:

To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of not more than three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) for the purchase of a chassis to be installed under the tank for the Fire Department. One thousand dollars to be raised this year, and the Selectmen given authority to borrow the sum of two thousand dollars, to be paid back over the next two years.

ARTICLE IX

At this time the Moderator declared the results of the election of officers. No further business appearing, the meeting was declared closed at 10:40 P. M.

A true report to the best of my knowledge and beliefs.

SABIN N. GUERTIN, *Clerk*

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY

Estimates of revenue and expenditures for the ensuing year, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955 inclusive, compared with actual revenue and expenditures of the previous year 1954.

Sources of Revenue	Actual Revenue Year 1954	Estimated Revenue Yr. 1955	Increase	Decrease
From State:				
Interest & Div. Tax	$1,241.15	$1,200.00		$41.15
Railroad Tax	38.25	35.00		3.25
Savings Bank Tax	45.05	45.00		.05
Reimbursement State and Federal Forest Lands	14.25	12.00		2.25
Reimbursement for Loss of Tax on Growing Wood & Timber	1,862.78	1,850.00		12.78
From Local Sources Except Taxes:				
Dog Licenses	353.34	300.00		53.34
Business Lic., Permits & Filing Fees	10.00			10.00
Rent of Town Hall and Bldgs.	504.00			504.00
Interest on Taxes	256.61	250.00		6.61
Shakers' Gift	500.00	500.00		
Lake Trust Income	700.00	700.00		
Motor Vehicle Permits	2,737.39	2,500.00		237.39
Sale of Town Property	135.00	50.00		85.00
Poll Taxes	522.00	522.00		
Property Taxes (Town)	17,136.92	19,780.07	2,643.15	
	$26,056.74	$27,744.07	$2,643.15	$955.82

Purpose of Expenditures	Actual Expenditures, Previous Year 1954	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1955	Increase	Decrease
General Government:				
Town Officers' Sal.	$1,480.00	$1,350.00	$	$130.00
Town Officers' Exp.	941.40	950.00	8.60	
Election & Registration	173.40	125.00		48.40
Town Clerk's Fees	273.50	275.00	1.50	
Expenses Town Hall & Other Buildings	776.85	600.00		176.85
Tax Collector's Fees	80.85	100.00	19.15	
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Police Department	46.23	50.00	3.77	
Fire Department	975.00	1,700.00	725.00	
Forest Fires	200.00	100.00		100.00
Insurance	638.91	650.00	11.09	
Civil Defense	36.55	100.00	63.45	
Health:				
Concord Hospital		674.00	674.00	
Vital Statistics	12.50	20.00	7.50	
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	52.50	50.00		2.50
Highways and Bridges:				
Bridge Repairs	634.59	700.00	65.41	
Town Maintenance—				
Summer	2,932.60	3,300.00	367.40	
Winter	3,350.92	3,300.00		50.92
Street Lighting	119.41	135.00	15.59	
General Exp. Highway Dept.	2,155.82	2000.00		155.82
Town Road Aid	666.63	670.43	3.80	
Elkins Public Library:	450.00	830.30	380.30	
Public Welfare:				
Town Poor	67.78	700.00	632.22	
Old Age Assistance	904.19	1,800.00	895.81	
Patriotic Purposes:				
Old Home Day	25.00	25.00		
Veterans' Associations	35.00	35.00		
Cemeteries:	254.48	250.00		4.48

Purpose of Expenditures	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1955.	Actual Expenditures, Previous Year, 1954.	Increase	Decrease
Unclassified:				
Dog Damage and Costs	19.14	25.00	5.86	
Social Security	182.11	200.00	17.89	
Interest:				
On Temporary Loans	93.75	100.00	6.25	
On Long Term Notes	229.50	202.50		27.00
On Prin. of Trust Fds.	52.50	50.00		2.50
New Lands and Buildings (Fire House Note)	700.00	700.00		
New Equipment:				
New Fire Truck	1,000.00	1,228.30	228.30	
New Plow	700.00			700.00
Truck Trade-In	750.00	750.00		
Payment on Principal of Debt:				
Grader Note	1,200.00	1,200.00		
County Taxes	2,798.54	2,798.54		
	$25,009.65	$27,744.07	$4,132.89	$1,398.47

SELECTMEN'S LETTER

Looking back at 1954, the Town again operated in the black with revenue of $26,056, and expenditures of $25,009. In view of unforeseen circumstances, some items were underbudgeted. The Fire Department needed extra amounts to finish the new International Truck, and icy conditions in December were an unanticipated drain on Highway funds.

Of increases anticipated for 1955, two of the larger items —Relief and Old Age Assistance—are covered in the Overseer's Report; increases anticipated in costs of the Fire Department covers another. Highway fund requests are up $800 for 1955 over the 1954 budget. We over-spent $316.48 in 1954. In cooperation with Northfield the Borough Road was put into condition during 1954, eliminating a long standing trouble spot. The new grader again gave us more for our money here, as well as in less expensive and better maintainance of our many miles of gravel road. Bridges continue to be a problem because of long neglect and we hope, with the bridge appropriation, to continue making major repairs to one or two yearly at modest cost. Two, one by the Cass house and one by Blanchards, are in bad shape and it is hoped to fix the one by Blanchards while doing only enough to the other to hold it until next year. With State Aid road money earmarked for certain types of work, a progam for its expenditure has been worked out with the State to cover the next several years. Generally the plan takes the poorest spots in order working out from the Center. Many questions have been asked concerning blacktopping and, while we would all like more black-top roads, maintenance costs are far greater than those of graveled roads, so that blacktopping is feasible only for the worst spots. We feel every effort is being made by the Road Agent to give us the most return for our highway dollar.

Many things can be changed and improved: adequate heat in the Town Hall; grading and beautifying the Center; more sand and salt on the roads at times; better community recreation and dining facilities, etc., but, with limited resources, little more than the absolutely necessary can be done. Even then, as the 1955 budget shows, costs have mounted threatening a tax rate increase to bring us again over the $60. figure. Valuation does not increase as fast as demands. The Trustees of Trust Funds have helped in holding down expense by the purchase of a power mower for cemetery use only. With the normal Town appropriation plus the Trustees allocated income this is enabling us to take better care of cemeteries at no greater cost. Rental income from Town property is not shown since, by request of the Lake Estate Trustees it has been set aside for blacktopping in front of the Town garage in conjunction with their planned landscaping of this area.

By borrowing more tax anticipation money than needed, and depositing the excess in a savings bank along with other "earmarked" funds, we offset our expenditure of $93.75 for interest on temporary loans by the $97.60 interest on savings accounts as shown in the Treasurer's report. Such savings by themselves are small but result in a considerable sum in the aggregate, and help us stay within our revenue.

Finally and most important, our income has not changed. Your 1950 report shows revenue of $25,866 as against $26,056 in 1954, but in 1950 we spent only $20,463 vs. expenditures of $25,000 in 1954. We are now at the point of little or no safety margin. With constantly increasing costs we have but two alternatives: cut down expenditures, or vote more taxes. What we vote determines what we spend and what all of us pays.

NORMAN A. BROWN,
CARL A. THUNBERG,
ARTHUR G. BROWN,
Selectmen of Canterbury.

REPORT OF CANTERBURY PLANNING BOARD

The Canterbury Planning Board was established by the Town Meeting of March 10, 1953. Its function is to explore the problems of the community, to collect facts and ideas, to visualize future trends, and to mold all of these considerations into a concerted plan of action. The Board submits its plans and recommendations to the residents of the community. And there the function of the Planning Board ceases since it has no administrative authority. The townspeople, acting on appropriate articles in the warrant at Town Meeting, have the sole authority to implement or reject the proposals of the Planning Board.

The Planning Board is comprised of seven members of the community. One member, by law, is a selectman. The other six members are appointed by the selectmen to serve for terms of five years without monetary remuneration. Appointments are staggered so that one appointment is made each year and two every fifth year. . The chairman of the Planning Board is elected each year by the members themselves.

The Planning Board welcomes your suggestions, your comment, and your constructive criticism. It invites and encourages you to attend any of its regularly scheduled monthly meetings. The Planning Board exists only to serve the interests of the community.

The activities of the Planning Board during the past year have been directed towards: (1) improvement of the organization and procedures of the board, and (2) a detailed study of factors which influence the community and property values, with a view to recommending a specific type of development for the community.

The projected activities for the next year will include: (1) continued study of a long range program of development, and (2) special studies involving immediate problems, for the purpose of making specific recommendations to the Town Meeting of 1956.

The studies carried on by the Planning Board clearly indicate that changes in the development of communities and in the values of properties are regulated by two sets of factors (1) those which we can control, and (2) those over which we have no control. The uncontrollable factors are such things as broad economic forces, geographical location, special forces such as population age groups and the desire for urban and rural living. We, as a community cannot control these factors, yet their effects will be felt in our local economy. There is, however, an equally powerful set of factors that can been controlled by the townspeople and the town authorities. This group includes such factors as the general appearance and character of buildings, the standards and facilities for education, the protection of property values through zoning and fire protection, the establishment of health and safety regulations, the location and maintenance of adequate roads, favorable publicity, and a reasonable tax rate. The development of a community, therefore, can be influenced and, to a degree, controlled by the individual and collective efforts of the residents of the community.

It is the function of planning to channel, concentrate, and direct these "uncontrollable factors" in order that their influence will be exerted in a direction which will be most beneficial to the community without infringing unduly upon the rights and privileges of any of the individuals of the community. This is accomplished by study and recommendation of a feasible general plan of development, by recommending ordinances or regulations to implement this plan of development, by arousing public support for meritorious projects, and public rejection for those projects con-

trary to the accepted plan and not in the best interest of the community.

The economic stability of Canterbury, based largely on agriculture, has deteriorated steadily over the past century due to one of the uncontrollable factors which were previously mentioned—broad economic forces—in the form of midwest competition. The large, flat and stone-free fields of the midwest and the availability of low cost grains and feeds permitted more efficient production in that area than was possible locally. Improved transportation made the lower cost midwestern production available in the eastern markets. As a result, many of our people either entered industry in other communities or established midwestern farms. A large number of our small farms were deserted and their buildings allowed to fall into disrepair. Thousands of acres of cleared fields reverted to woodland. Many of our fine homes burned and were not rebuilt. Our population is less than half of what it was a century ago. These trends have placed a heavy and increasing tax burden on the remaining residents of the community.

Our municipal expenses rose at a more rapid rate than our property values with the result that our tax rate nearly doubled between 1944 and 1954 in spite of a substantial increase in assessments through revaluation. There is every indication that our major expenses will continue to increase. We are obliged to maintain and plow over forty miles of Class V roads at a steadily rising cost of labor and materials. The School District assessment increased $7,544 in 1943 to over $33,500 in 1953 without materially improving the school facilities. If this trend continues at the same rate, an assessment of well in excess of $59,500 is indicated by 1965 and the demand for better schooling may raise actual budgets above this figure. The need for improved fire protection is obvious and it must be anticipated that all other town expenses will tend to increase.

Canterbury, if it is to avoid a crushing tax rate that will discourage new building and depress property values, must produce a comprehensive plan and undertake a development program which will encourage the establishment of industry or residential building, provide increased municipal revenues from the interest and dividend tax and other sources and, at the same time, preserve the character and pleasant living conditions which it presently possesses.

A careful survey of the potential development possibilities of the town indicates that industrial development is not practical since no competitive advantages can be offered as to numbers and qualification of persons desiring factory work, availability of housing, cheap power sources and low tax rates.

In spite of basic difficulties, agriculture remains an important element of our economy. Many of our residents are doing outstanding work in breeding improved types of animals and poultry while restoring worn out fields to high productivity. The construction and restoration of farm buildings have added appreciably to assessed valuations while improving the appearance of the community. The Town should encourage these enterprises in every proper manner.

The amount of favorably situated agricultural land in Canterbury is limited, however, and the greatest potential of the town lies in its development as a residential community. It has the many advantages offered by the general Concord area, among which are excellent transportation by air, rail, and road, to the metropolitan centers of Boston and New York. It has a climate superior to the coastal areas or the northern portion of the state. It is less industrialized than the Portsmouth, Manchester and Nashua areas. Numerous doctors and good hospitals are available in nearby communities. It has the cultural advantages of the State Capital, such as libraries, historical societies, etc. In addition, Canterbury in particular has the advantage of being strategically

located, in that it is the hub of an area which spokes to Concord, Tilton, Franklin, Laconia, and Pittsfield which provides centers of employment, trading and professional services. Its excellent views, its rolling hills, its attractive "village", its cooler elevation, its many picturesque and attractive buildings provide Canterbury with a great potential for residential development. Its ponds and brooks, still undeveloped, are potential areas of summer residences.

There are, on the other hand, certain disadvantages to Canterbury as a residential area. These are mostly of the controllable type, which can be with good organization and planning, either removed entirely or effectively diminished. Among these disadvantages are the many separated small school houses, with their inadequate facilities and below standard conditions. Another disadvantage is our existing poor road condition, which makes access to many residential areas (as well as many potential residential areas) difficult in winter and spring. The town offers no protection to property owners against the erection of unsightly structures, buildings which constitute a definite fire hazard, or are prejudicial to health, on property immediately adjacent to theirs. Many communities are now encouraging new building by protecting the property owner from this type of depreciation through some form of zoning or building regulation.

The Planning Board believes that these disadvantages can be overcome; it believes that Canterbury can be made one of the finest residential communities in New Hampshire with benefit to every resident through greater employment opportunities and increased property values. Since the tax burden should be decreased rather than increased, it is clear that the objective of all town planning and action should be to encourage new residential building so as to broaden the tax base and increase town revenues without adding to the taxes of present property owners.

As a result of the study of the Planning Board, the following recommendations are offered for your consideration:

1. That the community as a whole, and each resident individually, exert every effort to maintain property and buildings in a neat and orderly manner, and to refrain from building unsightly structures or undertaking activities which will injure or depreciate the value of adjoining property.

2. That ways and means should be found to encourage reforestation, good cutting practice, forest fire protection and the avoidance of unsightly slash.

3. That as rapidly as resources permit, we increase our fire protection in order to promote safety, increase property protection and permit lower insurance rates.

4. That some form of simple zoning or building code, or both, be adopted in order to promote safety and sanitation, to improve the appearance of the town, to protect property investments and to increase property values.

5. That the town assist any resident or group of residents who should undertake to develop an area of the town for residential purposes, by road improvements or any other proper manner, provided such resident or group of residents will place advantageous building restrictions on the development, and provided further that the project promises to add substantially to the town revenues.

6. That the town recognize that the school problem is the most serious financial one facing the town at the present time, and that careful study be given to the recommendations of the School Board, and the Special Committee on Schools.

SABIN W. GUERTIN,
Chairman.

SUMMARY INVENTORY

Land and Buildings		$632,740.00
Electric Line Properties	(3)	125,350.00
Horses	(26)	1,075.00
Cows	(294)	24,935.00
Other Neat Stock	(28)	1,475.00
Sheep and Goats	(56)	805.00
Hogs	(1)	30.00
Fowls	(12,300)	9,225.00
Portable Mills	(3)	3,000.00
Well Drilling Machinery	(1)	150.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.		30,996.00
Gasoline Pumps & Tanks	(9)	745.00
Stock in Trade	(2)	4,300.00
Total Gross Valuation		$834,826.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions		41,450.00
Net Valuation		$793,376.00
Loss of School Tax Paying to Other Towns		717.08
Town Tax Rate	$2.16	
School Tax Rate	3.64	
	$5.80	
Town Property Tax	$17,136.92	
Poll Tax	522.00	
	$17,658.92	
School Tax	28,216.41	
	$45,875.33	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF BUDGET REVENUE

Budget Items	Expected	Received
Interest and Dividend Tax	$1,241.15	$1,241.15
Railroad Tax	40.00	38.25
Savings Bank Tax	45.05	45.05
Reimbursement on Forest Lands	12.65	14.25
Reimbursement on Wood and Timber	1,862.78	1,862.78
Auto Permits	2,200.00	2,737.39
Dog Licenses	250.00	353.34
Sale of Tax Deed Property	135.00	135.00
Shakers' Gift	500.00	500.00
Filing Fees		10.00
Rent of Town Buildings		504.00
Interest on Taxes	225.00	256.61
Sam Lake Trust Income	700.00	700.00
	$7,211.63	$8,397.82
Less Overlay	446.31	
Net Budget Revenue	$6,765.32	
Total Appropriations	52,640.65	
Less Revenue as above	$6,765.32	
Less Poll Taxes	522.00	7,287.32
Property Tax Assessed	$45,353.33	
Town Tax	$17,136.92	
School Tax	28,216.41	
	$45,353.33	
Tax Rate	$5.80	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Approp.	Expend.
Town Officers' Salaries	$1,175.00	$1,480.00
Town Officers' Expense	950.00	941.40
Election and Registration	250.00	173.40
Town Clerk's Fees	250.00	273.50
Tax Collector's Fees	125.00	80.85
Town Hall and Other Buildings	750.00	776.85
Police Department	50.00	46.23
Fire Department	500.00	975.00
Forest Fire Appropriation	200.00	200.00
Blister Rust Control	400.00	
Insurance	600.00	638.91
Civil Defense	100.00	36.55
Vital Statistics	20.00	12.50
Town Dump Maintenance	50.00	52.50
Bridge Repairs	700.00	634.59
Town Maintenance—Summer	2,900.00	2,932.60
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,900.00	3,350.92
Street Lighting	135.00	119.41
General Expense Highway Department	2,000.00	2,155.82
Town Road Aid	666.63	666.63
Elkins Public Library	450.00	450.00
Town Poor	100.00	67.78
Old Age Assistance	1,200.00	904.19
Memorial and Old Home Days	60.00	60.00
Cemetery Care	250.00	254.48
Dog License Costs	25.00	19.14
Social Security	150.00	182.11
Interest on Temporary Loans	100.00	93.75
Interest on Long Term Notes	229.50	229.50
Interest on Lake Trust Fund Note	50.00	52.50

New Equipment:		
Fire Truck	1,000.00	1,000.00
Plow	700.00	700.00
Truck Trade Reserve	750.00	750.00
Notes Payable—Long Term Grader	1,200.00	1,200.00
Notes Payable—Long Term Fire House	700.00	700.00
County Tax	2,798.54	2,798.54
Town Totals	$24,484.67	$25,009.65
Canterbury Schools	28,155.98	31,177.75
	$52,640.65	$56,187.40

NON-BUDGETARY EXPENDITURES

Bounties	$ 131.00
State Head Tax Remitted to Treasurer	1,478.00
Fire Department, Unexpended Balance	
Fire House Construction Appropriation	15.36
Fire Truck—Covered by Notes Payable	1,199.00
Class V Roads	2,260.51
Lake Property—Water Line	400.00
Road Agent's Revolving Fund	1,100.00
Taxes Bought by Town	737.07
Loan in Anticipation of Taxes	15,000.00
Town Truck Balance Paid by 1953 Appropriation	312.00
Non-Budgetary Expenditures	$22,632.94
Budget Expenditures	56,187.40
Total Expenditures	$78,820.34

BALANCE SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1954

Assets

Cash in hand of treasurer	$17,391.06	
Cash in hands of road agent	600.00	
Accounts Due to the Town:		
Due From State:		
Bounties	131.00	
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1952	31.46	
Levy of 1953	257.93	
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1954	12,774.74	
Levy of 1954 State Head Taxes	575.00	
Total Assets		$31,761.19
Excess of Liabilities over Assets		7,643.43
		$39,404.62

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Bonds due for Timber Operations	837.50	
Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations:		
Bridge Appropriation	3,500.00	
Class V Unexpended	150.49	
Sam Lake Trust Fund	428.25	
Sand Shed Appropriation	500.00	
Reserve a/c Future Yield Tax Loss	2,748.67	
Due to State:		
1954 Head Taxes Uncollected	575.00	
Head Taxes Collected, Not Remitted		

to State	120.00	
Balance due to School District	16,916.41	
Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
National State Capital Bank, Fire Truck Note	1,228.30	
National State Capital Bank, Grader Note	9,600.00	
National State Capital Bank, Fire House Note	2,800.00	
Total Liabilities		$39,404.62

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings	$3,500.00	
Furniture and Equipment	300.00	
Library, land and building	8,000.00	
Furniture and Equipment	2,500.00	
Fire Department Building	3,500.00	
Fire Department Equipment	6,000.00	
Highway Department, land & building	13,500.00	
Equipment	25,000.00	
Materials and Supplies	250.00	
Schools, land and buildings	7,000.00	
Equipment	1,500.00	
Sam Lake Residence, land and buildings	3,000.00	
Pickard House, building	500.00	
Town Dump, land and improvements	225.00	
Blacksmith Lot	100.00	
		$74,875.00
Land acquired through tax deeds:		
Louis Kelso	$250.00	
Elmer Twombly	100.00	

D. Wheeler	900.00
Ida Chase	750.00
Frank Hanson	1,000.00
Wm. Dearborn	250.00
Sylvia Glines	100.00
Bertha Wheeler	50.00
Enola Colby Estate	60.00
Felix Laro Estate	165.00
Harry Clough	100.00
John R. Savage	50.00
Mrs. C. L. Sanborn	50.00
Arthur Rolfe Heirs	200.00
G. Edward Stone	50.00
Abbie Colburn Heirs	50.00
Walter Pickard	650.00
Harrison S. Sargent	220.00
Carroll S. Colby	160.00
Grover Gove	30.00
Orton C. Humphrey	100.00
Mrs. James Richards	30.00
Nellie Stearns	150.00
A. F. & B. W. Thompson	50.00
John Giddings	50.00
	$5,565.00
	$80,440.00

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Dr.

Automobile Permits Collected	$2,737.39	
Dog Licenses Collected	353.34	
Filing Fees Collected	10.00	
		$3,100.73

Cr.

Remitted to Treasurer:		
Automobile Permits	$2,737.39	
Dog Licenses	353.34	
Filing Fees	10.00	
		$3,100.73

Fees Paid to Sabin N. Guertin, Town Clerk:	
Dog License Fees	$ 28.00
Vital Statistics Fees	12.50
Automobile Permit Fees	245.50
	$286.00

SABIN N. GUERTIN,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF ROBERT L. MUDGETT, TAX COLLECTOR, CLOSE OF DECEMBER 31, 1954

1954 Property Tax

Dr.

Tax Committed to Collector		$45,353.33
Added Taxes		62.06
		$45,415.39
Interest Collected		1.52
TOTAL DEBITS		$45,416.91

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes Collected	$35,438.66	
Interest Collected	1.52	
		$35,440.18
Property Taxes Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1954		9,976.73
TOTAL CREDITS		$45,416.91

1954 Poll Tax

Dr.

Tax Committed to Collector		$ 522.00
Added Poll Taxes		8.00
TOTAL DEBITS		$ 530.00

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer	$340.00	
Poll Taxes Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1954	190.00	
TOTAL CREDITS		$ 530.00

1954 State Head Tax

Dr.

Tax Committed to Collector		$ 1,570.00
Added Head Taxes		25.00
		$ 1,595.00
Penalties Collected		1.50
TOTAL DEBITS		$ 1,596.50

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Taxes Collected	$1,020.00	
Penalties Collected	1.50	
Head Taxes Uncollected Dec. 31, 1954	575.00	
TOTAL CREDITS		$ 1,596.50

1954 Yield Tax

Dr.

Yield Taxes Committed to Collector	$ 2,608.01

Cr.

Yield Taxes Uncollected	$ 2,608.01

1953 Property Tax

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1954	$ 7,234.83
Interest and Costs Collected	248.30
TOTAL DEBITS	$ 7,483.13

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Taxes Collected	$7,153.11	
Interest & Costs Collected	248.30	

Abatement	10.28	
Cancellations for Tax Deeds to Town	71.44	
TOTAL CREDITS		$ 7,483.13

1953 Poll Tax

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1954		$ 130.00
Interest Collected		2.71
TOTAL DEBITS		$ 132.71

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Taxes Collected	$ 116.00	
Interest Collected	2.71	
Abatements	14.00	
TOTAL CREDITS		$ 132.71

1953 State Head Tax

Dr.

Taxes Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1954		$ 415.00
Penalties Collected		36.50
TOTAL DEBITS		$ 451.50

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Head Tax Collected	$ 365.00	
Penalties Collected	36.50	
Abatements	50.00	
TOTAL CREDITS		$ 451.50

1953 Yield Tax

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1954		$ 239.48

Interest Collected		4.08
TOTAL DEBITS		$ 243.56

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Tax Collected	$ 239.48	
Interest Collected	4.08	
TOTAL CREDITS		$ 243.56

1952 State Head Tax

Dr.

Tax Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1954		$ 5.00

Cr.

Tax Abated		$ 5.00

1952 Yield Tax

Dr.

Tax Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1954		$ 1.00

Cr.

Tax Abated		$ 1.00

TAX SALES ACCOUNT—AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1954

	Levy of 1953	Levy of 1952	Previous Years
DR.			
Taxes Sold to Town in 1954	$737.07		
Unredeemed Taxes, Jan. 1, 1954		$343.78	$672.33
Interest collected after sale	6.36	15.64	47.20
Total Debits	$743.43	$359.42	$719.53
CR.			
Remittances to Treasurer During Year	$485.50	$231.81	$500.23
Abated (Herbert Pettis)			7.40
Cancelled by Tax Deeds to Town		96.15	211.90
Unredeemed Taxes at close of Year	257.93	31.46	
Total Credits	$743.43	$359.42	$719.53

Detail of Unredeemed Taxes as of December 31, 1954:

Elwin H. Chapman	$ 98.91	
Melvin H. Haskell	78.28	
Herbert N. Lamprey	63.57	
Ernest Pickard	11.78	
Jesse C. Braley	5.39	
Harold W. Sargent, Jr.		17.05
Harold Cross		14.41
	$257.93	$ 31.46

TREASURER'S REPORT

RICHARD A. DICKSON, *Acting Treasurer*

RECEIPTS

Robert L. Mudgett, Tax Collector (See Tax Report)	$46,184.40
From State of New Hampshire:	
Class V Highways	2,111.00
Interest and Dividends Tax	1,241.15
Savings Bank Tax	45.05
Railroad Tax	38.25
Loss of Tax on Forest Lands	26.90
Head Tax Refund	7.21
Forest Fire Refund	20.40
Gas Tax Refund	47.67
Rent of Town Truck	23.40
Porcupine Bounty Refund	52.25
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Driveway Snow Removal Service	90.00
Graveling and Grading Driveway Service	44.76
Auto Permit Tax	2,737.39
Dog Tax	353.34
Filing Fees	10.00
Town Histories Sold	60.00
Revolver Permits	2.50
Town of Northfield, Borough Road Construction	300.00
Canterbury Shakers, Gift	500.00
Carl Thunberg, Water Pump Sold	10.00
Cemetery Lots Sold	5.00
Stuart Fifield, Cab Sold	5.00
Land sold, W. B. Hill	135.00
Congregational Church, Water Rent	6.00
Congregational Church, Filling Trench	21.00
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Container Credit	40.00

Bonds in Lieu of Yield Taxes	837.50
Jackman & Lang, Insurance Refund	100.60
Canterbury Highway Dept., Revolving Fund	500.00
Philip K. Stone, Revolving Fund	600.00
Richard Rollins, Rent on Sam Lake House	460.00
Arthur Pickard, Rent	44.00
Walter Pickard, Rent	114.35
Joseph Maier, Oiling Driveway Service	28.30
Austin Turner, Oiling Driveway Service	37.73
Joseph Maier, Sand & Labor	10.00
Carl Thunberg, R. C. Pipe	10.80
Norman A. Brown, Salt	1.50
Elkins Public Library, Social Security Remittance	11.98
National State Capital Bk., Lake Trust Income	1,464.25
National State Capital Bk., Temporary Loans	15,000.00
National State Capital Bk., Fire Truck Note	1,200.00
Loan & Trust Sav. Bk., Div. on Savings Acct.	97.60
Total Receipts	$74,636.28
Balance on hand January 1, 1954	21,575.12
	$96,211.40
Selectmen's Orders Paid	78,820.34
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1954	$17,391.06

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries	$1,480.00
Town Officers' Expense	941.40
Election and Registration	173.40
Town Clerk's Fees	273.50
Tax Collector's Fees	80.85
Town Hall and Buildings	590.82
Town Hall Water Line	186.03

Sam Lake Water Line	400.00
Police Department	46.23
Fire Department Appropriations	1,175.00
Fire Department, 1953 Unexpend. Bal. Fire House	15.36
Fire Department New Truck	2,199.00
Insurance	638.91
Bounties	131.00
Civil Defense	36.55
Vital Statistics	12.50
Town Dump	52.50
Highway—Summer Maintenance	2,932.60
Highway—Winter Maintenance	3,350.92
Class V Highways	2,260.51
Bridge Repairs	634.59
General Expense Highway Department	2,155.82
Town Road Aid Appropriation	666.63
Street Lighting	119.41
Elkins Public Library Appropriation	450.00
Old Age Assistance	904.19
Memorial and Old Home Days	60.00
Cemetery Care	254.48
Dog License Costs	19.14
Social Security	182.11
New Equipment: Plow	700.00
Truck	1,062.00
Road Agent's Revolving Funds	1,100.00
State Head Tax Paid to State	1,478.00
Taxes Bought by Town	737.07
Interest on Borrowed Funds	375.75
Notes Payable	16,900.00
County Tax	2,798.54
Town Poor	67.78
Schools	31,177.75
Total Payments	$78,820.34

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Norman A. Brown, Selectman	$150.00	
Carl A. Thunberg, Selectman	150.00	
Arthur G. Brown, Selectman	150.00	
C. Emery Morrill, Treasurer	150.00	
Richard Dickson, Acting Treasurer	70.00	
Sabin N. Guertin, Town Clerk	85.00	
Robert L. Mudgett, Tax Collector ($75—1953 Salary)	375.00	
Shirley Doubleday, Clerk of the Board ($50—1953 Salary)	350.00	
		$1,480.00

Town Officers' Expense

Edson C. Eastman, Office Supplies	17.95
Association N. H. Assessors, Dues	3.00
Brown and Saltmarsh, Office Supplies	175.76
Carl A. Thunberg, Stamped Envelopes	2.34
Katherine A. Crowley, Recording	39.78
Hazen Printing Co., Town Reports and Stationery	411.80
Norman A. Brown, Tally Sheets	1.00
Register of Probate, Listing Estates	.40
Arthur G. Brown, Tax Commission Meeting Expense	5.00
G. H. Giles & Co., Office Supplies and Postage	94.52
Arthur Buchanan, Bond Premiums	77.20
Jackman & Lang, Bond Premiums	21.00
Peter J. King, Court Expense	28.50
N. H. Tax Collector's Association, Dues	3.00
State Department of Public Welfare,	

OASI Administration Costs	2.80	
Wheeler & Clark, Stamp	1.95	
Norman A. Brown, Reimbursement Payment to Stanley & Stanley Search Records of Mortgages	4.00	
Sargent Brothers, Printing Tax Bills	34.10	
Carl A. Thunberg, Expenses of Asssesor's Meeting	3.00	
N. H. City and Town Clerk's Association, Fee	2.00	
Robert L. Mudgett, Stamps	3.00	
University of New Hampshire, Publications	1.00	
Sabin N. Guertin, Town Clerk's Expenses	8.30	
		$ 941.40

Election and Registration

Raymond Glines, Supervisor Check List	45.00	
Charles Gilman, Supervisor Check List	45.00	
Lucille H. Keeler, Supervisor Check List	45.00	
Herbert N. Lamprey, Ballot Clerk	6.40	
Ida S. Higgins, Ballot Clerk	6.40	
Everett H. Tasker, Ballot Clerk	6.40	
Alice S. Vogel, Ballot Clerk	12.80	
Rebecca L. Fowler, Ballot Clerk	6.40	
		$ 173.40

Town Clerk's Fees

Automobile Permit Fees	$245.50	
Dog License Fees	28.00	
		$ 273.50

Tax Collector's Fees

Robert L. Mudgett, Fees	80.85	$ 80.85

Town Hall and Other Buildings

Concord Electric Co., Electric Service	111.84
George A. Batchelder, Plumbing Repairs	16.95

Everett Kimball, Wood	20.00	
Herbert N. Lamprey, Janitor Service	3.00	
Rodd Roofing Co., Repairing Town Garage Roof	95.00	
A. B. Strom, Tuning Piano	7.00	
P. K. Stone, Grading Grounds	19.50	
Chester H. Lamprey, Labor	8.00	
Concord Lumber Co., Supplies	63.14	
Prescott Oil Company, Fuel Oil	243.10	
George A. Batchelder, Plumbing	1.00	
Hubbard's Country Store, Glass	2.29	
		$ 590.82

Town Hall—Water Line

Concord Lumber Co., Pipe	35.48	
P. K. Stone, Wages	20.00	
Arthur Pickard, Wages	16.00	
Anton B. Nelson, Backhoe and Gravel	91.02	
Page Belting Co., Pipe and Fittings	23.53	
		$ 186.03

Sam Lake Property—Water Line

Concord Lumber Co., Pipe	59.10	
Anton B. Nelson, Backhoe and Gravel	253.13	
Page Belting Co., Pipe and Fittings	23.52	
P. K. Stone, Labor	23.25	
Henry Deos, Labor	29.00	
Arthur Pickard, Labor	12.00	
		$ 400.00

Fire Department

Canterbury Volunteer Fire Dept., 1953 Unexpended Fire House Construction Approp.	15.36	$ 15.36
Canterbury Volunteer Fire Dept., 1954 Approp.	946.50	
N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co.,		

Telephone Installation and Service	28.50	
		$ 975.00

Forest Fires

Town of Loudon, Fighting Brush Fire	40.80	
Canterbury Volunteer Fire Dept., Bal. Forest Fire Appropriation	159.20	
		$ 200.00

Fire Department—New Equipment

Spear's Garage, New Truck Chassis	$2,199.00	$2,199.00

Insurance

Jackman and Lang, Payroll Insurance	342.82	
Arthur Buchanan, Walters Liability	42.65	
Arthur Buchanan, Grader Liability	42.65	
Arthur Buchanan, Sam Lake Fire and Extended Coverage (3 year)	12.70	
Arthur Buchanan, Arthur Pickard House (3 year)	11.60	
Arthur Buchanan, Sam Lake Fire and Extended Coverage (1 year)	23.11	
Arthur Buchanan, Fire on Civil Defense Building	7.80	
Arthur Buchanan, Fire on Walters and International Truck	48.00	
National Grange Ins. Co., International	34.12	
Dustin and Smith, Fire and Extended Coverage Sam Lake	20.96	
Jackman and Lang, Sam Lake and Town Hall	52.50	
		$ 638.91

Bounties

James Guertin	9.00	
Norman A. Brown	88.00	
Carl A. Thunberg	26.50	
Arthur G. Brown	7.50	
		$ 131.00

Civil Defense		
Concord Electric Co., Electric Service	13.50	
Donald Braley, Wood	21.00	
Fox Hardware Co., Paint	1.45	
Hubbard's Country Store, Pencils	.60	
		$ 36.55
Vital Statistics		
Sabin N. Guertin, Town Clerk	12.50	$ 12.50
Town Dump		
P. K. Stone, Grading	16.50	
Henry Deos, Labor	18.00	
Arthur Pickard, Labor	18.00	
		$ 52.50
Highways		
(See Highway Dept. Report)		
Summer Maintenance	2,932.60	
Winter Maintenance	3,350.92	
Class V Highways	2,260.51	
Bridge Repairs	634.59	
General Expense Highway Department	2,155.82	
		$11,334.44
Town Road Aid		
State of New Hampshire, Appropriation	$666.63	$ 666.63
Street Lighting		
Concord Electric Co., Electric Current	119.41	$ 119.41
Elkins Public Library		
Margery J. Ruggles, Treas., Approp.	450.00	$ 450.00
Old Age Assistance		
State of New Hampshire Payments	904.19	$ 904.19
Memorial and Old Home Days		
American Legion Post No. 31, Memorial Day	35.00	
Eva Schmidt, Treas., Old Home Day	25.00	
		$ 60.00

Cemetery Care

Henry Deos, Labor	80.00	
Arthur Pickard, Labor	72.00	
Ernest Pickard, Labor	72.00	
Trustees of the Trust Funds, Balance Appropriation	30.48	
		$ 254.48

Police Department

William J. Cochrane, Services	32.20	
V. H. Blackinton Co., Badges	14.03	
		$ 46.23

Dog License Costs

Herbert Lamprey, Collecting Dog Tax	6.00	
Wheeler and Clark, Dog Tags	13.14	
		$ 19.14

Social Security

State of N. H., Adjustments 1953 Wages and Librarian's Salary	24.06	
State of N. H., Town's Share 1954 Wages	158.05	
		$ 182.11

New Equipment

R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc., New Plow	700.00	
Spear's Garage, New International Truck	1,062.00	
		$1,762.00

Road Agent's Funds

Shirley Doubleday, Road Agent Revolving Fund	$ 600.00	
Canterbury Highway Dept., T. R. A. Payroll advancement	500.00	
		$1,100.00

State Head Tax

State of New Hampshire, 1953 Head Tax	362.00	
State of New Hampshire, 1954 Head Tax	1,116.00	
		$1,478.00

Taxes Bought by Town

Robert L. Mudgett, Tax Collector, June 30 Tax Sale	737.07	$ 737.07

Interest

National State Capital Bank, Grader Note	229.50	
National State Capital Bank, Temporary Loan	93.75	
National State Capital Bank, Fire House Note	52.50	
		$ 375.75

Notes Payable

National State Capital Bank, Grader Note	1,200.00	
National State Capital Bank, Fire House Note	700.00	
National State Capital Bank, Tax Anticipation Loan	15,000.00	
		$16,900.00

County Tax

Donald G. Rainie, Treasurer	2,798.54	$2,798.54

Schools

C. Emery Morrill, Treas., Balance 1953-54 Appropriation	19,877.75	
C. Emery Morrill, Treas., Partial 1954-55 Appropriation	11,300.00	
		$31,177.75

Town Poor		
Herbert A. Young, Hancock Overseer of the Poor	67.78	$ 67.78
Total Payments		$78,820.34

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Revenue

Summer Highway Maintenance, Appropriation	$2,900.00	
Winter Highway Maintenance, Appropriation	2,900.00	
Class V Roads	2,111.00	
Bridge Repairs, Appropriation	700.00	
General Expense, Appropriation	2,000.00	
Income from Driveway Service, Etc.	355.16	
Income from Town of Northfield	300.00	
Over-Expended Highway Accounts	67.28	
		$11,333.44

Costs

Summer Highway Maintenance	$2,932.60	
Winter Highway Maintenance	3,350.92	
Class V Road Construction	2,260.51	
Bridge Repairs	634.59	
General Highway Expense	2,155.82	
		$11,333.44

DETAIL OF COSTS

Summer Highway Maintenance

Labor	$2,321 01
Tilton Sand and Gravel Co., Gravel	192.06
R. C. Hazelton, Culverts and Bands	228.44
Anton B. Nelson, Backhoe Hire	76.00
N. H. Explosives and Machinery Co., Inc., Dynamite and Caps	19.40
Prison Industries, Pipe	10.80

State of New Hampshire, Tar	84.89	
		$2,932.60

Winter Highway Maintenance

Labor	$2,568.25	
State of N. H., Fence Posts	30.40	
Tilton Sand and Gravel Co., Gravel	278.14	
William Wilson, Plowing Snow	20.00	
Walter Kenney, Gravel	33.40	
Town of Loudon, Lessman Loader and Truck Hire	35.10	
State of N. H., Salt	124.80	
Willey Nelson, Truck	9.00	
Wilfred True, Gravel	9.90	
Buttrick Construction Co., Bulldozer Hire	128.80	
N. H. Explosives & Machinery Co., Inc., Dynamite and Caps	23.41	
Tilton Construction Company, Compressor and Man	80.00	
C. P. Stevens Hardware Co., Wire	9.72	
		$3,350.92

Class V Road Construction

Labor	$464.00
R. C. Hazelton Co., Culverts & Bands	458.76
A. B. Nelson, Bulldozer and Chainsaw Hire	238.00
Tilton Construction Co., Compressor and Dynamite	149.60
Willey Nelson, Truck and Driver	218.25
George Sell, Truck and Driver	31.20
A. B. Nelson Construction Co., Shovel, Bulldozer, Truck and Man Hire	580.10

Walter Kenney, Gravel	120.60
	$2,260.51*

Bridge Repairs

Labor	$147.00
Miro-Flex Company, Load Limit Signs	63.04
Prison Industries, Pipe	248.00
Willey Nelson, Truck	9.00
A. B. Nelson Cons. Co., Gravel, Shovel and Truck Hire	112.80
L. M. Pike and Sons, Asphalt Mix	30.88
George Greenwood, Sawing Planks	17 87
P. K. Stone, Stringers	6.00
	$634.59

Highway General Expense

P. K. Stone, Balance 1953 Account	$ 2.76
Thompson & Hoague, Hardware, Tools and Supplies	16.60
N. E. Tel. and Tel. Co., Telephone Service	113.11
R. C. Hazelton Co. Inc., Plow for Walters	420.00
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Gas & Oil	827.38
Henry Deos, Used Chains	5.00
Heath & Fife, Sawing and Trucking for Department	10.50
Davis Auto Body, Welding	11.00
Ralph George Motor Co., Truck Repairs	84.05
State of N. H., Signs, Posts, Repair Salt Spreader	70.60
Sanel Auto Parts, Repairs & Supplies	142.25
Barton's Service Station, Garage Com-	

*This amount reduced by $300.00 received from the Town of Northfield for construction on the Burrough Road.

pressor	35.00	
G. H. Giles & Co., Supplies	56.58	
R. C. Hazelton Co., Blades & Supplies	169.54	
Ray's Road Equipment Co., Torches and Pushbrooms	20.41	
Concord Supply Company, Fittings for Compressor	2.39	
Glines and Frankland, Welding	1.25	
Atherton Farm Equipment Company, Repair Tires	5.10	
Spear's Garage, Repairs & Supplies	22.50	
W. C. Hubbard, Supplies	19.88	
Sears, Roebuck & Co., Battery Charger	16.64	
R. C. Hazelton Co., Grader Repairs	103.28	
		$2,155.82
Total Expenditures		$11,334.44

DETAIL OF HIGHWAY LABOR

Philip K. Stone	$2,007.76	
Henry Deos	1,256.00	
Arthur Pickard	1,628.00	
Harrison Sargent	435.00	
Leroy Sargent	16.00	
William J. Cochrane	25.00	
B. Welcome	3.00	
Total Expenditures		11,334.44
P. K. Stone, Jr.	12.00	
Harold Sargent, Jr.	15.00	
Arthur Pickard, Jr.	24.00	
Chester Lamprey	8.00	
Stanley Krauz	19.50	
Colin Heath	26.00	
Earl T. Brooks	21.00	
		$5,500.26

Allocated as Follows

Summer Highway Maintenance	$2,321.01
Winter Highway Maintenance	2,568.25
Class V Roads	464.00
Bridge Repairs	147.00
	$5,500.26

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR

As will be noted from expenditures, we had a small amount of relief in 1954 which was the first in some years.

As the budget request for 1955 indicates, additional relief is certain for that year. The amount requested is no more than the absolute minimum anticipated and leaves no room whatsoever should there be any further demands, for which there is some possibility. Canterbury has been most fortunate in recent years, as in many towns relief costs have continued as major budget items. It now appears we may have to give more consideration to this as time goes on.

The town pays 25% of Old Age Assistance given to its residents and in 1955, at the time of the budget meeting, it was quite certain from applications being processed that there would be nearly double the number receiving this type of assistance as in 1954, which accounts for the budgeted figure being considerably higher than that of 1954 and you will note that the '55 budget is approximately double the amount actually expended in 1954. As this is written within a week after the budget committee meeting, we have already been notified of the possibility of another person receiving this type of assistance in 1955, which simply bears out the fact that it is very difficult to determine what this amount may be in any given year.

In giving up this office at next town meeting, the writer wants to express appreciation to the various state and local agencies, and particularly to the Directors of the Elkins Fund, all of whom have worked most closely in the best interest of the town in helping us keep relief expenses at a minimum.

NORMAN A. BROWN,
Overseer of the Poor

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY, DEC. 31, 1954

Fund No.	Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	Amount of Principal	Bal. of Inc. Begin Yr.	Percent Inc. During Yr.	Amt. Inc. During Yr.	Expended During Yr.	Bal. of Inc. End of Yr.
1A	1873	Benjamin Whidden	Cong. Church	N. H. Sav. Bk.	$200.00		3%	$ 6.00	$ 6.00	
2A	1897	J. S. Elkins	Cong. Church	N. H. Sav. Bk.	1,000.00		3%	30.00	30.00	
3A	1918	Lucia Maria Elkins	Library Repair	U.S. Govt. Bonds ..	1,000.00		2½%	25.00	25.00	
4A	1918	Lucia Maria Elkins	Book Fund	U.S. Govt. Bonds ..	4,000.00		2½%	100.00	100.00	
5A	1918	Lucia Maria Elkins	Sick & Worthy Poor	U.S. Govt. Bonds ..	6,000.00			172.50		
				U.S. Govt. Bonds ..	800.00	191.75		20.00	278.03	$122.72
					550.00		3%	16.50		
					13,550.00	191.75		$370.00	$439.03	$122.72

CEMETERY FUNDS

1	1908	Betsy Kimball .....P.	Ham Lot	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	$200.00	$84.46	3%	8.46	10.00	82.92
2	1908	P. C. Clough .....C.	T. Clough Lot	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	50.00	3.95	3%	1.60	2.00	3.55
3	1909	M. B. Neal .....C.	Neal Lot	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	100.00	40.98	3%	4.17	6.00	39.15
4	1911	Emily Clough .....C.	A. Clough Lot	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	200.00	171.87	3%	10.89	26.00	156.76
5	1912	F. & G. Tallant .....C.	Tallant Lot	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	50.00	19.62	3%	2.07	2.50	19.19
6	1915	J. C. Dearborn .....C.	Chase Lot	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	50.00	21.12	3%	2.10	2.50	20.72
7	1918	L. M. Elkins .....C.	Elkins Lot	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	200.00	158.64	3%	10.49	27.50	141.63
8	1918	L. M. Elkins .....C.	Sargent Lot	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	200.00	202.10	3%	11.87	29.00	184.97
9	1921	H. L. Clough .....C.	Tallant Lot	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	50.00	14.13	3%	1.90	3.00	13.03
10	1921	H. L. Clough .....M.G.	D. M. Clough Lot ..	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	50.00	7.07	3%	1.68	3.00	5.75

11	1924	J. S. Morrill .....P.	J. S. Morrill Lot ..	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	100.00	75.64	3%	5.18	10.00	70.82
12	1926	Walter Small .....M.G.	W. P. Small Lot ..	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	100.00	47.79	3%	4.37	6.08	46.08
13	1926	A. J. Dearborn .....C.	A. J. Dearborn Lot .	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	50.00	5.28	3%	1.61	1.00	5.89
14	1927	S. K. Boyce .....C.	Boyce-Swasey Lot .	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	100.00	19.40	3%	3.53	5.00	17.93
15	1930	H. J. Paxton .....M.G.	Ingalls Lot	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	50.00	14.81	3%	1.91	2.75	13.97
16	1931	C. Clough .....M.G.	J. F. Clough Lot ..	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	200.00	65.69	3%	7.86	10.00	63.55
17	1934	C. B. Emery .....C.	Nathan Emery Lot.	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	100.00	17.72	3%	3.47	4.00	17.19
18	1934	G. L. Wainwright ...C.	J. G. Lake Lot	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	300.00	71.03	3%	11.00	5.50	76.53
19	1936	Orrin Randall .....C.	Randall Lot	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	50.00	3.84	3%	1.59	2.92	2.51
20	1939	J. H. Morrill .....P.	J. S. Morrill Lot ..	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	100.00	18.67	3%	3.53	4.00	18.20
21	1940	Adeline Dow .....M.G.	F. P. Dow Lot	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	100.00	23.95	3%	3.69	5.00	22.64
22	1941	Jones & Morrill S.M. & B.	L. & C. Jones Lot .	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	75.00	15.99	3%	2.69	4.50	14.18
23	1941	C. E. Morrill .....C.	C. E. Morrill Lot ..	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	50.00	10.35	3%	1.79	2.50	9.64
24	1941	S. W. Lake .....M.G.	G. W. Lake Lot ...	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	100.00	17.35	3%	3.47	5.00	15.82
25	1942	Joseph Clough .....C.	S. Emery Lot	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	100.00	5.99	3%	3.15	4.50	4.64
26	1942	Joseph Clough .....C.	S. M. Clough Lot ..	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	100.00	13.95	3%	3.35	5.00	12.30
27	1943	M. K. Kimball .....C.	F. & D. Morrill Lot.	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	50.00	4.74	3%	1.61	2.50	3.85
28	1943	C. T. Marsh .....C.	C. T. Marsh Lot ..	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	50.00	3.46	3%	1.59	2.50	2.55
29	1943	C. Chaplain .....M.G.	Chaplain Lot	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	50.00	9.32	3%	1.73	2.75	8.30
30	1944	S. E. Hutchins .....C.	Hutchins & others lot	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	250.00	28.64	3%	8.31	5.50	31.45
31	1952	Charles Jones ....M.G.	Fred C. Jones	N. H. Sav. Bank ...	200.00	2.58	3%	6.03	5.50	3.11
					$3,425.00	$1200.13		$136.69	$208.00	$1128.82

P.—Private Cemetery
C.—Center Cemetery
M.G.—Maple Grove Cemetery
S.M.—Shell Meeting House Cemetery
B.—Baptist Cemetery

SAM W. LAKE TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

Receipts

From National State Capital Bank, Trustee	$1,464.25
Balance on hand, January 1, 1954	64.00
	$1,528.25

Disbursements

Water Line Installation	$400.00	
Fire House Note	700.00	
		1,100.00
Balance on hand, December 31, 1954		$428.25

CONDENSED MEMORANDUM OF THE STATUS OF THE SAM LAKE TRUST FOR THE YEAR 1954

Principal of Trust—January 1, 1954

Stocks	$16,789.19
Bonds	15,140.00
Savings Banks	13,795.67
Real Estate	350.00
Deposited in National State Capital Bank	374.45
	$46,449.31

INCOME for Year 1954

Dividends on Stocks and Bonds	$ 1,330.42
Dividends on Savings Accounts	420.26
	$ 1,750.68

PAYMENTS for Year 1954

Miscellaneous Expenditures	$ 96.39
Lena M. Berry, Income	60.00
Canterbury Center Sunday School, Income	25.00
National State Capital Bank, Trustee, services	105.04
Selectmen, Town of Canterbury, Income	1,464.25
	$ 1,750.68

Principal of Trust—December 31, 1954

Stocks	$19,365.54
Bonds	13,100.00
Savings Banks	13,795.67
Real Estate	150.00
Deposited in National State Capital Bank	441.25
	$46,852.46

National State Capital Bank, Trustee.

ANNUAL REPORT OF ELKINS PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

During the past year, your library trustees have added twenty-seven juvenile books, twenty-five adult books and twenty-nine non-fiction volumes. Eleven of the books were gifts.

The circulation increased somewhat until fall. At this time, the trustees were faced with a serious problem. A definite fire hazard made it impossible to operate the furnace and in November, Miss Townsend found it essential that she remain in Concord for the winter and so resigned as librarian. The trustees alternated in this position for several weeks but were forced to close the library because of the extreme cold. Since then, patrons have had books and magazines carried to them. We hope this situation may be improved in the coming months.

Plans for the future include a children's story hour and a teen-age advisory group to assure a wider selection of reference and technical books. The trustees also hope to make the library available for various group and committee meetings, thus widening the scope and usage of a beautiful and well equipped town building.

BARBARA COMEE
MARGERY J. RUGGLES
REBECCA FOWLER
Trustees

ELKINS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand January 1, 1954	$ 550.19	
Receipts:		
Trust Funds	125.00	
Town Appropriation	450.00	
Special Book Fund	50.00	
		$1,175.19
Payments:		
Books	127.00	
Magazines	23.00	
Operating Expenses:		
Librarian's Salary	209.00	
Social Security Contribution	13.98	
Janitor Service	40.00	
Library Supplies	11.54	
Miscellaneous (Annual Cleaning)	12.55	
Bank Service Charge, 12 months	2.96	
Fuel	23.00	
Electricity	25.78	
	$ 488.81	
Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1954	686.38	
		$1,175.19

Cash on Hand December 31, 1954:	
Books and Magazines	$ 63.66
Repairs	258.73
Operating	207.99
Insurance	156.00
	$686.38

Valley Trust Co. Savings Account:	
(Book Fund)	
Principal and Interest (Dec. 31, 1953)	$858.94
Interest, 1954	21.45
	$880.39
Withdrawal	50.00
Balance on Hand Dec. 31, 1954	$830.39

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Forest Fire Prevention Is Everybody's Business

Carelessness is responsible for 97 percent of all our forest fires. This is a serious indictment of our interest in our own welfare and that of our neighbors. In too many instances this carelessness results in the destruction, not of the careless one's own property, but of someone not even known to him.

Thoughtlessly thrown lighted cigars, cigarettes and matches from moving vehicles by hikers, hunters and fishermen; the careless burning of debris during hazardous periods, high winds or in dangerous locations; improperly extinguished camp or cook fires—all add up to the CARELESSNESS that means serious loss of property, disruption of industry and farm work and unnecessary expenditure of town and state funds.

It points to the need of eliminating CARELESSNESS so far as it concerns fire fom our daily life. The rules are simple—your cooperation is earnestly solicited.

1. Be careful with fire in or near woodlands.
2. Be sure that all lighted material—cigars, cigarettes and matches—is completely out before discarding it. Use ash trays in autos.
3. Secure the required written permission to burn from your local forest fire warden when the ground is not covered with snow.
4. Insist that others be careful and comply with burning requirements.
5. Call the warden promptly when fire is detected and aid him to extinguish it.

Let's remember that FOREST FIRE PREVENTION is EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS and our MOST IMPORTANT undertaking!

Number of Fires	2
Acreage Burned	1 2/3
Number of Fire Permits Issued	61

THOMAS J. KING, *District Fire Chief*
COLIN HEATH, *Forest Fire Warden*

REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 1954 there were twenty-three fires, two manhunts, and two false alarms in Canterbury. The Department was called and responded to all but two of these emergencies. Two chimney fires were reported to headquarters after they had been extinguished by the owners. In addition, the Department performed a surprising number of services to the community such as pumping out wells, pumping out cellars to prevent oil burner damage and burning over fields to reduce fire hazards.

For the most part, the fires in Canterbury were brought under control and extinguished with small loss to the property owners. There were several, however, which did cause considerable loss and I am extremely proud of the part the Department played in preventing these losses from being greater. Eighteen of the fires had damage of fifty dollars or less, whereas five fires exceeded fifty dollars in damage. In one instance, a small dwelling at Hill's Corners was a total loss.

Two things were brought to our attention very forcefully during our year's work. First, was the great value of radio communication in handling fires, and second, the value of mutual aid as provided by our neighboring towns. Were it not for these two extremely important fire fighting instruments, our fire picture for 1954 might well have been a sorry sight indeed.

I am pleased to mention that the Department now has two additional mobile two-way radios, one in the new truck and one in the Chief's car. The latter was purchased by the Chief at his expense. The one in the new truck was purchased by the members of the Department with funds which they raised.

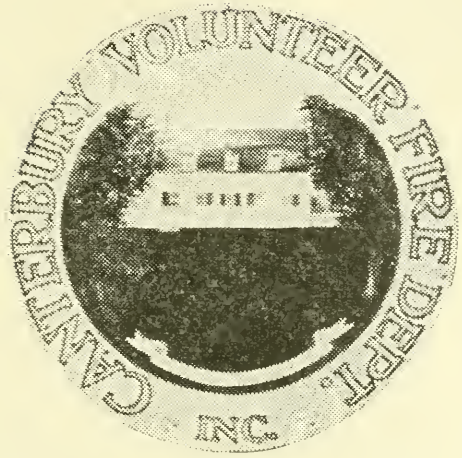
I am happy to report the obtaining of one new truck and another 1951 used truck for the Department. The new truck is a 1954 two ton International. Funds amounting to $2,200.00 were provided by special appropriation at last year's town meeting for the purchase of the cab and chassis. By selling the 1931 Ford tanker and by using funds provided by the Selectmen for the purpose, the Department constructed a combination pumper, tanker, hose and ladder truck. This truck has been tested and approved by the New Hampshire Board of Underwriters with the result that we have obtained an extention to two miles from the fire house of reduced insurance rates. The unit has already proved its versatility and value to the Department.

The 1951 used truck is a two ton Chevrolet and is now under construction by the Department. This unit will be designed for forestry service and will be used to back up the combination truck at house fires, etc. This truck will also be equipped with a two-way radio.

Oil burner installations and foster homes have been inspected by the Department as required by the New Hampshire State Office of Fire Control. Permits to operate newly installed oil burners have been issued. The Department urges all residents of Canterbury to purchase and install at least one fire extinguisher in each home. Although the Department does not provide or sell such equipment, we will be glad to recommend an inexpensive approved type of device.

Please do not hesitate to call the Fire Department in times of emergency. We will come if we are called. We are here to serve our community.

RALPH W. KEELER, JR.
Fire Chief



CANTERBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand, January 1, 1954	$ 481.62
Receipts:	
Dances	159.74
Dues	41.00
Jackman and Lang, Dividend	2.46
Allied Radio, (Over-payment)	8.04
Valley Trust Company, Dividend	1.48
Petty Cash	16.55
Mr. Green, Concord Fire Truck	65.00
Members, Keys	5.50
Donation for Services Rendered	142.00
Town of Canterbury	1,061.86
Balance of Forest Fire Approp.	159.20
Ralph W. Keeler, Two-Way Radio	185.00
David L. Curtis, Tank	50.00
Chicken Pie Supper	162.92

Colin Heath, Clapboards and Moulding	20.00	
Clarence Dearborn, Clapboards and Moulding	20.00	
Robert Lee, Battery	10.00	
Alexander Standish, Donation for truck	700.00	
Members, Glo-Lite Mounting Plates	14.28	
		$3,306.65

Payments:

N. H. State Firemen's Assn. (Dues)	41.00
Page Belting Company, Supplies	191.24
Adams Glass Co., Supplies	1.20
Superior Electric Co., Supplies	28.23
A. S. Tracy Company, Supplies	10.28
Sanel Auto Parts, Inc., Supplies	119.11
Robert Dudley, Supplies	29.05
Colin Heath, Supplies	16.05
Thompson and Hoague Co., Supplies	5.10
Joseph Ryerson and Son, Inc., Supplies	12.06
Ken Carter, Supplies	4.12
Concord Lumber Company, Supplies	76.72
Hubbard's Country Store, Supplies	62.84
G. H. Giles and Co., Supplies	88.00
Allied Radio, Suplies	33.08
Richard Robinson, Supplies	6.00
R. H. Smith and Co., Supplies	7.25
Evans Radio Co., Supplies	78.55
Forestry and Recreation Dept., Forest Fire Tools	168.88
St. Johnsbury Trucking Co., Trucking	2.32
F. S. Willey Co., Trucking	2.44
Blanche M. Gerrish, Printing	7.85
Hazen Printing Co., Printing	3.00
Concord Electric Co., Electric Service	48.88
Arthur Buchanan, Insurance	161.52

R. G. Crowell, Insurance	91.50	
Ken Taylor, Bond	5.00	
Lyons Iron Work, Steel	315.46	
Monitor-Patriot, Advertisement	24.57	
Ralph W. Keeler, Jr., Reimbursement	49.32	
Merrill & Cote, Inc., Supplies and Labor	67.97	
Prescott Oil Company	160.39	
N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co.	166.69	
B. and C. Products Co., (Glo-Lite Mounting Plates)	34 00	
Ross Taylor Chevrolet, 1951 (Used Cab and Chassis)	600.00	
Bank Service Charge	7.83	
Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc., Two Two-Way Radios	370.00	
Total Payments	$3,097.50	
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1954	209.15	
		$3,306.65

ROBERT V. LEE,
Treasurer

CIVIL DEFENSE

To maintain perpetual concern over an international tinder box that might flare up over night or smoulder on for the next ten years, is not easy for the ordinary person. The result is what you would suspect—our Civil Defense program blows as hot and as cold as our concern.

Last year as in the past we have kept up a semblance of civil defense organization. If we had to we could probably pull together a reasonable organization rather quickly. How well we would know what to do is a thoroughly debatable point but we are counting on common sense. If we can understand the problem we may have to face, we can organize to protect ourselves and our property.

One responsibility we make an effort to keep up is our observation post. Military authorities tell us this service is an absolute essential for the protection of our country. Since it is not up to ordinary mortals like we to question we still keep open our observation post, the loneliest hut in town. The Post operates on no dependable schedule but volunteers can improve that schedule at any time. Some of our observers have put in hundreds of hours at our Post without any idea of reward other than the satisfaction that comes from doing something as a service for others. If and when the same spirit moves you, there is a lot of room on our 1955 Civil Defense team.

In 1954 there were three red alerts held in the state. The first on January 24, which was a test alert, another on May 14, and on November 26 a nation-wide red alert was held. The town cooperated as well as the unit leaders.

There were several meetings of the Civil Defense Personnel, one held March 22 and one July 26 at the home of the Post Supervisor, Eunice Wilkins and another well at-

tended meeting on November 22 was held at the Vestry. Observers awarded the 250 hour merit badges were as follows:

Marguerit Stone	Asenath Shattuck
Marion Rancour	Alice Thompson
Madeline Guertin	Lucille Keeler
Rebecca Fowler	Eunice Wilkins

Twenty-five hour wings were presented to June Robinson, Pearl DeRoche, Virginia Maxfield, Ella Blodgett, Mrs. Grace Atwood, Virginia Dudley, Mary Fife and June Rollins.

There were also two spy alerts; one on June 5, "Spy Scan" and "Operation Cock Pistol" on July 9. Our Post was visited several times by Sgt. Jay Henry and other personnel from the Manchester Filter Center.

It is our intention to erect an observation tower at the rear of the Post to aid the observers perform their work in the future.

There is still plenty of need for Observers, so come on, observe for your country.

Local Civil Defense Director—Marguerit Stone
Assistant Director—Madeline Guertin
Warning and Communication—Robert Byron
Refugee—Ralph Keeler, Jr.
Fire—Ralph Keeler, Jr.
Police—William J. Cochrane
Engineering—Philip K. Stone, Sr.
Transportation Unit—Walter Comee, Jr.
Medical and Nursing—Hamden Moody and Margery J. Ruggles
Ground Observer Unit—Eunice Wilkins
Rescue and Evacuation—George Batchelder

MARGUERIT STONE,
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF TOWN AUDITORS

We have examined the records of Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Trustees of Trust Funds, Road Agent, Elkins Public Library, Canterbury Volunteer Fire Department and Selectmen, for the year ended December 31, 1954 and have found their accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

WALTER H. COMMEE, JR.,
GEORGE M. GRACE,
Town Auditors

INSURANCE IN FORCE

	Amount	Property	Expiration
Merchants Mutual Casualty Co.	25/5/50	Walters Snow Plow & Grader Lia.	Jan. 11, 1955
Grange Mutual Fire Ins. Co.	$12,000	Grader—Fire	Apr. 9, 1956
Travelers' Insurance Co.	10/20	Mfg. & Contract Liability	Jan. 31, 1955
Travelers' Insurance Co.	Schedule	Workmen's Compensation	Jan. 31, 1955
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	$3,000	Town Hall Fire Ins.	Mar. 24, 1956
Merchants Mutual Cas. Co.	5/10	S. Lake & Town Hall Lia.	May 2, 1955
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	$10,000	Town Garage Fire	Dec. 31, 1956
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	$10,000	Highway Equip. Floater	Aug. 28, 1955
National Grange Mutual Lia.	25/50	International Truck Lia.	Nov. 28, 1955
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	$1,000	Pickard House	Oct. 30, 1957
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	$ 500	Civil Defense Building	June 6, 1955
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	$1,000	Sam Lake Buildings	Oct. 4, 1956
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	$2,000	Sam Lake Buildings	July 28, 1957
Middlesex Mut. F. I. Co.	$ 700	Sam Lake Buildings	Aug. 11, 1955
Middlesex Mut. F. I. Co.	$1,400	Sam Lake Buildings	July 28, 1957
Middlesex Mut. F. I. Co.	$ 800	Sam Lake Buildings	Dec. 28, 1957
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	$8,000	Schools—Kezer	Feb. 26, 1955
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	$5,000	Schools—Fire	Sept. 10, 1957
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	$5,000	Schools—Fire	July 1, 1956
Travelers' Insurance Co.	$10,000	Schools—Liability	Jan. 11, 1956
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	$2,000	Schools—Fire	June 5, 1957
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	$6,000	Schools—Fire	Feb. 21, 1956
Grange Mutual F. I. Co.	$14,000	Library Building & Contents	Sept. 4, 1955
Nat. Grange Mut. Lia. Co.	5/10	Library Liability	Nov. 30, 1955
Merchants Mutual Cas. Co.	20/40/5	Fire Dept. Chev. Truck Lia.	Jan. 31, 1955
Mass. Bonding and Ins. Co.	$1,000	Fire Dept. Accident Ins.	May 12 1955
Merchants Mutual Cas. Co.	20/40/5	Fire Dept. International Truck Lia.	May 29, 1955
Phenix Mutual	$2,500	Fire Dept. Comprehensive	May 29, 1955
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	$6,000	Fire House	Oct. 7, 1955
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	$2,250	Fire Dept. Chev. Truck	Nov. 3, 1955
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	$1,175	Fire Dept. Equipment Floater	Nov. 20, 1955
Grange Mutual F. Ins. Co.	$1,000	Fire Dept. Equipment Floater	Nov. 29, 1955

REPORTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Officers of the School District

Moderator

ARTHUR BUCHANAN

Clerk

ERVIN A. COGSWELL

Treasurer

CHARLES EMERY MORRILL

Auditors

ELBERT R. FARRAR
JOHN MALCOLM

School Board

WALTER COMEE	Term expires 1955
LUCILLE A. KEELER	Term expires 1956
GEORGE GRACE	Term expires 1957

School Nurse

HARRIET D. STONE
Tilton, N. H.
Telephone Tilton 207

Superintendent of Schools

GORDON L. FOX, Tilton, N. H.
Telephone Tilton 207

Regular meeting, School Board, Second Monday of the Month
Center School, 7:30 P. M.

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Canterbury qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the fifth day of March 1955, at six o'clock in the afternoon, with the moderator opening the meeting, declaring the polls open for voting from six o'clock to nine o'clock for school district officials, and declaring the business section of the meeting open at seven-thirty o'clock for action on Articles 5 to 12 inclusive.

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund to-

gether with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To hear the report and recommendations of the Special School Study Committee as authorized at the 1954 annual school district meeting.

10. To see if the district will authorize the appointment of a Building Committee to consist of the present School Study Committee and the School Board; this Committee to study the present school situation with relation to new construction, renovation of existing buildings, and to present recommendations, preliminary plans and estimates for consideration at a special district meeting prior to December 1, 1955; also to see if the district will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred ($300.00) dollars for the use of the Committee in the preparation of preliminary plans; such monies, if unexpended, to be applied to the cost of the construction or renovation or returned to the district.

11. To see if the district will raise and appropriate six hundred ($600.00) dollars for the repair to the roof of the Kezer School, and in order to provide these funds, to authorize the School Board to issue serial notes for a period not exceeding five years in the name of the district and to further authorize the application of the interest from the Kezer Trust Fund for the payment of these notes.

12. To see if the district will authorize the School Board to make application for, in the name of the District, such advances, grants-in-aid or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the U. S. Government and/or State Agencies.

13. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Canterbury this tenth day of February, 1955.

WALTER COMEE,
LUCILLE H. KEELER,
GEORGE M. GRACE,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

WALTER COMEE,
LUCILLE H. KEELER,
GEORGE M. GRACE,
School Board.

FINANCIAL REPORT
CANTERBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954

Receipts

Cash on hand July 1, 1953	$ 269.96	
Current Appropriation	24,873.50	
Advance on 1955-56 Appropriation	4.25	
State Aid	8,624.17	
Total Receipts		$33,771.88

Payments

Administration

1.	**Salaries of District Officers:**		
	Walter Comee	50.00	
	Elbert Farrar	2.00	
	Lucille H. Keeler	50.00	
	John Malcolm	2.00	
	C. Emery Morrill	50.00	
	Paul Scripture	50.00	
	Total		$204.00
*2.	**Superintendent's Salary:**		
	Treasurer Supervisory Union		$281.40
	*Total salary of Superintendent was $6,700.00. School Districts paid—Tilton-Northfield $1,927.80; Gilford $810.60; Belmont $772.80; Gilmanton $407.40; Canterbury $281.40; State of New Hampshire $2,500.00.		
3.	**Tax for State Wide Supervision:**		
	State Treasurer		$294.00
4.	**Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel:**		
	Lucille H. Keeler, census	25.00	
	Treasurer Supervisory Union	326.70	
	Total		$351.70
5.	**Supplies and Expenses:**		
	Cole Printing Co.	12.00	

CANTERBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT	Proposed Budget 1955-56	Budget 1954-55	Payments 1953-54	Expended to Feb. 1, 1955 1954-55	Estimated Expenditures to June 30, 1955
1. Salaries of District Officers	229.00	229.00	204.00	200.00	229.00
2. Supt.'s Salary (local share)	293.11	304.30	281.40	304.30	304.30
3. Tax for state-wide supervision	328.00	338.00	294.00	331.00	331.00
4. Salaries of other Adm. personnel	362.50	365.00	351.70	365.00	365.00
5. Supplies and expenses	200.00	160.00	182.85	183.38	190.00
6. Teachers' Salaries	16,055.00	15,269.20	14,137.03	7,314.70	15,244.20
7. Books and other inst. aids	500.00	500.00	418.00	377.30	495.00
8. Scholars supplies	500.00	500.00	634.98	522.68	540.00
10. Instructional supplies	150.00	150.00	153.12	169.58	177.00
11. Salaries of Janitors	625.00	700.00	547.40	381.72	700.00
12. Fuel or heat	500.00	500.00	429.75	97.58	430.00
13. Water, light, operational	325.00	325.00	400.76	133.79	325.00
14. Repairs and Replacements	550.00	500.00	519.17	474.76	525.00
15. Health supervision	25.00	25.00	5.46	12.15	25.00
16. Transportation	3,946.56	4,581.50	3,203.22	1,472.94	3,566.00
17. Tuition	13,090.00	11,950.00	8,462.79	4,029.87	11,950.00
18. Special Activities	—	—	—	—	—
19. Teachers Retirement	1,125.33	1,095.37	795.56	309.70	1,095.37
20. Insurance, treas. bond	300.00	185.50	57.50	175.97	185.50
Contingency Fund—Kezer Rent	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
23. New Equipment	450.00	450.00	280.99	260.49	450.00
Total Expenditures	39,554.50	38,202.87	*31,359.68	17,116.91	37,202.37

	Estimated Receipts 1954-55		Received to Feb. 1, 1955	Estimated Receipts to June 30, 1955
Cash on hand July 1, 1954		2,412.20	2,412.20	2,412.20
State Aid	7,638.94	7,638.94	7,638.94	7,638.94
District Assessment	31,915.56	28,155.98	11,300.00	28,155.98
	39,554.50	38,207.12	21,351.14	38,207.12

*Total balance on hand on June 30, 1954 of $2,412.20, which was used by the Tax Commission to reduce the appropriation for the 1954-55 school year.

Katherine S. Crowley, Register	3.03	
Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc.	2.77	
First National Bank	3.00	
Hazen Printing Co.	9.00	
Howell Business Service	17.20	
New England Trust Co.	1.46	
N. H. School Board Assoc.	5.00	
Treasurer Supervisory Union	129.39	
Total		$182.85

*6.	**Principal's and Teachers' Salaries:**	Contract Salary	
	Grace K. Atwood	2,600.00	
	Edith Croteau	2,800.00	
	Patricia Davis	227.80	
	M. Evelyn Harris	2,900.00	
	Sarah Hill	2,600.00	
	Frances Smith	2,700.00	
	Harriet Stone	254.60	
	Total		$14,137.03

*The amount actually paid may not be the same as the contract price because of sick leave or other reasons. The total amount includes pay of substitutes and supervisory union teachers.

7.	**Books and other Instructional Aids:**		
	California Test Bureau	20.11	
	Ginn & Co.	10.32	
	Houghton Mifflin Co.	30.63	
	Keene Teachers College	8.21	
	Laidlaw	1.34	
	Row, Peterson & Co.	24.90	
	Scott Foresman	38.85	
	Chas. Scribners' Sons	10.25	
	Silver Burdette	206.68	
	Tri-State Office Equipment	3.31	
	Webster Publishing Co.	63.40	
	Total		$418.00
8.	**Scholars Supplies:**		$634.98
9.	**Salaries of Clerical Assistants**		0.00
10.	**Supplies and Other Expenses**		$153.12

11.	**Salaries of Janitors:**		
	Grace K. Atwood	14.00	
	Gene Drew	108.80	
	Ada Dunbar	6.00	
	Robert Fife	94.80	
	Sarah Hill	17.60	
	Herbert N. Lamprey	3.00	
	Robert Morrill	71.30	
	Peter Scripture	31.50	
	Frances Smith	37.50	
	Charles Walker	13.60	
	Gladys Walker	78.00	
	Ralph Witham	71.30	
	Total		$547.40
12.	**Fuel:**		
	David L. Curtis	$180.00	
	Raymond Glines	88.00	
	Concord Lumber Co.	6.50	
	George D. Peverly	155.25	
	Total		$429.75
13.	**Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses:**		
	Arch Appliance	15.65	
	Bryant & Lawrence	3.20	
	Concord Electric Co.	94.97	
	G. H. Giles & Co.	24.09	
	J. L. Hammett & Co.	3.50	
	Milton Bradley	7.30	
	J. J. Moreau & Son, Inc.	2.75	
	Public Service Co.	123.12	
	C. M. Rice Paper Co.	63.35	
	C. P. Stevens, Hardware	15.00	
	Thompson & Hoague	7.05	
	Treasurer, Supervisory Union (refund)	.35	
	Waxine	40.43	
	Total		$400.76
14.	**Repairs and Replacements:**		
	Adams Glass	8.13	
	George A. Batchelder	12.75	

	Brown's Window Shade Shop	23.20	
	Concord Lumber Co.	84.75	
	Concord Supply Co.	1.60	
	Arthur Copp	42.50	
	Cordley & Hayes	5.25	
	Bill Finley	5.00	
	Eric Johanson	10.80	
	William Meeh	4.48	
	Merrimack Farmers' Exchange	164.48	
	John Ruggles	100.00	
	Superior Electric Co.	21.12	
	Thompson & Hoague	3.11	
	Town of Canterbury	32.00	
	Total		$519.17
15.	**Health Supervision:**		
	Herrick Drug Co.		$5.46
16.	**Transportation:**		
	Donald Booth	939.21	
	Joseph Doubleday, Jr.....	1,092.12	
	Raymond Preve	1,171.89	
	Total		$3,203.22
17.	**Tuition:**		
	Belmont School District	450.00	
	Concord School District	2,031.89	
	Loudon School District	513.00	
	Penacook School District	4,567.90	
	Tilton-Northfield School District	900.00	
	Total		$8,462.79
18.	**Special Activities and Special Funds:**		0.00
19.	**Retirement:**		
	N. H. Teachers Retirement Board		$795.56
20.	**Insurance:**		
	Arthur Buchanan		$57.50
	Total Current Expenses		$31,078.69

Capital Outlay

21.	**Lands and New Buildings:**		0.00
22.	**Additions and Improvements to Buildings:**		0.00
23.	**New Equipment:**		
	Milton Bradley Co.	$240.00	
	Sears, Roebuck	30.94	
	Treasurer Supervisory Union	10.05	
	Total		280.99
	Total Payments		$31,359.68
	Balance on hand June 30, 1954		2,412.20
	Grand Total		$33,771.88

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER COMEE, Chairman
LUCILLE H. KEELER
GEORGE M. GRACE
School Board

CHARLES EMERY MORRILL
School District Treasurer

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Members of the School Board, Parents and Voters:

The Center, Kezer, Uplands, Carter and Blanchard schools have been maintained in excellent condition through the work of individual board members and interested citizens. This has saved the community a great deal of money, has improved the educational situation for children, and has preserved the present property until the school district can provide modern facilities.

Tuition rates for high schools for the 1955-56 school year are as follows:

Concord High	$ 340
Penacook High	300
Tilton-Northfield High	320
Belmont High	275

The only loss on the teaching staff was caused by the retirement of Mrs. Grace K. Atwood, a teacher who served the children of the Center School efficiently and faithfully for a period of years.

Mrs. Louise Parker, former teacher in the Weare, N. H. schools, was engaged to take her place.

Canterbury has an excellent teaching staff and it is hoped that all five teachers will remain next year. It would be difficult to replace any teacher since many teachers will not work in schools with multiple grades. All school districts are raising teachers' salaries since school costs are increasing in identical form with the costs of business and industry.

The increase in population in the area of the Center, Carter and Blanchard schools makes it very advisable for the district to definitely plan to construct some new school facili-

ties to be available in the fall of 1956. It appears from present census figures that it will be impossible to house all the children in these schools as they are presently organized.

The 1954 graduation exercises were held in the Town Hall on June 7 at 8 p. m. with the following pupils graduating:

Richard Ernest Ambeau	Jessie May McDonald
Suzanne Dickinson Comee	Winifred Ethel Maxfield
Sharon Lee Ferrin	George Alexander McElroy
David Alan Fife	Robert Anson Morrill
Robert Stanley Fife	Bernice Norma Pickard
Mary Esther Hildreth	Brenda Pearl Stone

SCHOOL CALENDAR 1955-56 SCHOOL YEAR
SUPERVISORY UNION #59
Belmont Canterbury Gilford Gilmanton
Tilton-Northfield

Schools open Wednesday, September 7, 1955

Holiday, Tuesday, October 12, 1955, Columbus Day

State Teachers' Convention, Manchester, N. H., Oct. 20-21, 1955

Holiday, Friday, Nov. 11, 1955, Veterans' Day

Thanksgiving Vacation—Schools close Wednesday, Nov. 23, 1955, 12:05 Noon

Schools Reopen Monday, November 28, 1955

Christmas Vacation—Schools Close Thursday, Dec. 22, 1955, 12:05 Noon

Schools Reopen Monday, January 2, 1956

Winter Vacation—Schools Close February 17, 1956

Schools Reopen Monday, February 27, 1956

Spring Vacation—Schools Close Friday, Apr. 20, 1956

Schools Reopen—Monday, April 30, 1956

Schools Close June 15, 1956 or earlier or later date to make a total of 180 days

SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS:

This Calendar includes in vacation periods:
Labor Day, September 5, 1955
Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1955
Christmas Day, December 25, 1955
New Year's Day, January 1, 1956
Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1956
Fast Day, April 23, 1956
Memorial Day, May 30, 1956

Actual Days of School Per Month:

September	18
October	18
November	19
December	16
January	22
February	16
March	22
April	16
May	23
June	11
	181
	2 Days Teachers' Convention
	183 (Allows 3 days for weather)

CANTERBURY TEACHERS

Blanchard—Mrs. M. Evelyn Harris
Carter—Mrs. Edith Croteau
Center—Mrs. Louise Parker
Kezer—Mrs. Frances Smith
Uplands—Mrs. Sarah Hill

Enrollments by Schools, Jan. 15, 1955

School	Grades								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Blanchard	7	4	1	1	5	2	5	1	26
Carter	—	—	—	6	7	6	6	3	28
Center	8	9	13	—	—	—	—	—	30
Kezer	—	—	—	6	4	4	4	3	21
Uplands	6	5	7	—	—	—	—	—	18
Totals	21	18	21	13	16	12	15	7	123

Transporters

Mr. Joseph Doubleday $7.96 daily
Mr. Raymond Preve $8.44 daily

Base rate $3.00 day plus
$.14 per mile for black top and
$.20 per mile for dirt road

Tuition Pupils and Annual Rates
1954-55 Year

Belmont School District—

High School Tuition Rate—$275 for 1954-55

Finley, Norma M.	Grade XI	
Walker, Pearl E.	X	(Left Sept. 22)

Concord Union School District—

High School Tuition Rate $325 for 1954-55

Ambeau, Richard E.	Grade IX
Baker, Robert S.	X
Comee, Suzanne D.	IX
Gould, Barbara J.	X
Rancour, Brenda L.	XI
Schmidt, Edward P.	XI
Scripture, Peter D.	X
Thunberg, Debra L.	X
Elementary-Private	
Geiger, John W.	VII

Loudon School District—

Elementary Tuition Rate $135 for 1954-55

Burtt, Charlotte	Grade III
Burtt, Keith	I
Burtt, Sandra	VI
Burtt, Sherry	II

Penacook Union School District—

High School Tuition Rate $290 for 1954-55

Blanchard, Alan	Grade XII	
Brooks, Janice	XI	
Drew, Frank	XI	
Drew, Stanley	XI	
Guertin, Patricia	XI	
Preve, Patricia	XI	
Stevens, Elizabeth A.	XI	
Wheeler, Joan	XI	
Balch, Sally	X	
Brooks, Joyce	X	
Charlton, Robert	X	
Drew, Allan	X	
Lamprey, Carole	X	
Raymond, Kay E.	X	
Stone, Philip	X	
Walker, Pearl	X	(Left Oct. 27, 1954)
Charlton, Kenneth	IX	
Ferrin, Sharon	IX	
Fife, David	IX	
Fife, Robert	IX	
Hildreth, Mary	IX	
Maxfield, Winifred	IX	
Morrill, Robert	IX	
Pickard, Bernice	IX	(Left Dec. 6, 1954)
Stone, Brenda	IX	

Tilton-Northfield School District—

High School Tuition Rate $275 for 1954-55

Noyes, Winnie Mae	Grade XI	
Elementary-Private		
Johanson, Philip	VI	

Warner School District—

High School Tuition Rate $250 for 1954-55

Wells, Esther	Grade XII	

St. John's High School—Concord Private

Aberton, David	Grade X	
Batchelder, George	IX	
Greenwood, Antonio	XI	

The Canterbury School Board has held many special meetings in addition to the regular monthly meetings. The members have spent many days and nights in studying the

transportation, building, maintenance, pupil assignments to schools, the school budget, pupil problems, and every possible means of improving the local schools and the opportunities for children. They have visited the schools again and again to see that they were in good repair, properly heated, and the best health facilities maintained.

The Canterbury Parent Teacher Association has cooperated with the schools during the year. The success of the pre-school clinic of first grade pupils was a tribute to the work of the Parent Teacher Association.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the educational consultant, advisor and executive officer of the Canterbury School Board. It is a group that has sacrificed personally in time and physical effort to make the Canterbury schools the best possible buildings until a central school can be provided. It is hoped that State or Federal aid will eventually be available to help the citizens of Canterbury meet the financial burden of school construction.

We look forward with the citizens of Canterbury to a solution to a difficult school problem and know that Canterbury will meet this problem as it has every difficult decision from the early history of the town.

Cordially yours,

GORDON L. FOX,
Superintendent of Schools

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Canterbury, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child (If any)	Sex	Liv'g or stillb'n	No. of Child	Color	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 25	Concord	Shirley Ann Streeter	F	L	3	W	Harold S. Streeter	Avis H. Lamprey	All White	Canterbury	Lumberman	Concord	Canterbury
Jan. 25	Concord	Jack W. Cummings	M	L	2	W	Clarence Cummings	Beatrice M. Shattuck		Canterbury	Self employed	Concord	Penacook
Feb. 17	Concord	Vicki M. Stevens	F	L	3	W	Sherman A. Stevens	Mildred A. Ross		Canterbury	Television Mech.	W. Sumner, Me.	Presque Isle, Me.
Feb. 20	Laconia	Sherry A. Nelson	F	L	3	W	William A. Nelson	Gladys M. Walker		Canterbury	Bulldozer Opr.	Massachusetts	Massachusetts
Feb. 27	Concord	Mark D. Baldwin	M	L	4	W	Harold F. Baldwin	Gertrude F. Hasse		Canterbury	Leather Insp'ct'r	Lebanon	Austria
Mar. 26	Franklin	Donald R. Russell	M	L	2	W	Robert W. Russell	Alice R. Nelson		Canterbury	Moulder	New Hampshire	Massachusetts
June 2	Concord	John W. Boardman	M	L	7	W	Perley E. Boardman	Catherine Stacy		Canterbury	Farmer	Lebanon	Dover
July 24	Concord	Thomas E. Orlinski	M	L	1	W	John Orlinski	Charlotte M. O'Neil		Canterbury	Mechanic	Massachusetts	Massachusetts
Sept. 18	Concord	Lu-Anne G. Smith	F	L	1	W	Charles H. Smith	Esther Willey		Canterbury	Milkman	Concord, Mass.	Boston, Mass.
Oct. 11	Concord	Carol A. Sargent	F	L	3	W	Harold W. Sargent	Thelma M. Lamprey		Canterbury	Laborer	New Hampshire	Canterbury
Oct. 23	Concord	Janet H. Fifield	F	L	3	W	Oliver R. Fifield	Mary E. Fife		Canterbury	Blue C.-B. Sh'ld	Penacook	Boston, Mass.
Oct. 29	Concord	Norman W. Heath	M	L	3	W	Harry W. Heath	Joan Kay		Canterbury	Lumberman	Warner	N. Dighton, Mass.
Dec. 5	Concord	Steven W. Cole	M	L	2	W	Richard H. Cole	Lois I. Wilson		Canterbury	Civil Engineer	Franklin	St. Johnsbury, Vt.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SABIN N. GUERTIN, *Town Clerk*

Marriages Registered in the Town of Canterbury, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date	Place of Marriage	Name & Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of marriage	Age	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of each	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Occupation	No. Marriage	Name, Residence & Official Stations of Persons by whom married
Jan. 9	Portsmouth	James P. Blanchard	Canterbury	19	W	Tannery	N. H.	Donald T. Blanchard	N. H.		1	Rev. John Feaster Portsmouth
								Jean F. Paul	Penn.			
		Vesta L. Spinney	Elliot, Me.	19	W	Student	N. H.	Ernest W. Spinney	Me.		1	
								Florence A. Wheeler	N. H.			
May 3	Concord	Alphonso Potter	Concord	58	W	Janitor	N. H.	John F. Potter	Me.		2	Rev. M. E. Levy Concord
								Addie Cutting	N. H.			
		Lillian E. Cordner	Canterbury	53	W	Elec. Worker	N. H.	Edward Loranger	Canada		3	
								Mary S. Bernard	Tilton			
May 26	Penacook	David McKerley, Jr.	Boscawen	27	W	Steam Fitter	N. H.	David R. McKerley	N. H.		1	Rev. Geo. Donnelly
								Mary L. Dawson	N. H.			
		Shirley L. Fife	Canterbury	21	W	Practical Nurse	N. H.	Raymond Fife	Vt.		1	
								Adeline E. Shattuck	N. H.			
Oct. 25	Penacook	Robert D. Crovo	Boscawen	20	W	Factory Worker	Mass.	Augustus S. Crovo	Mass.		1	Rev. Jos. Fennessey
								Adeline DeGangi	Mass.			
		Susan A. Batchelder	Canterbury	17	W	Student	N. H.	George Batchelder	N. H.		1	
								Marion J. Morrill	N. H.			

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

SABIN N. GUERTIN, *Town Clrek*

Deaths Registered in the Town of Canterbury, N. H., for the Year Ending, December 31, 1954

Date	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Sex & Cond.			Occupation	Place of Birth		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days		Sex	Color	Single, Mar. Wid.		Father	Mother		
May 21	Concord	Joseph A. LaMorris	79			Unknown	M	W	M	Carpenter			Charles LaMorris	Unknown
May 14	Contoocook	Luella S. Sanborn	91				F	W	M	At home			Admiram Ford	Sarah E. Ellsworth
July 31	Canterbury	Albert Luther Fuller	56			Canaan, Vt.	M	W	M	Plumber			John Fuller	Sarah Pickard
Aug. 21	Canterbury	Margaret. D Pettengill	54			Malden, Mass.	F	W	S	School teacher			John T. Pettengill	Isabel G. Brackett
Aug. 25	Concord	Carlos M. Morse	56			Peacham, Vt.	M	W	M	Laborer			Charles L. Morse	Edna M. Robinson
Sept. 4	Concord	Carol A. Edwards	4			N. H.	F	W	S	Child			Frank Edwards	Edna Demo
Oct. 3	Canterbury	Bernard P. Finley	61			Canterbury	M	W	S	Farmer			John Finley	Mary Mooney
Oct. 20	Laconia	Frank C. Plastridge	81			N. H.	M	W	W	Lumber operator			Chas. F. Plastridge	Abbie Cass
Dec. 10	Canterbury	Patrick J. Dukette	60			Plattsburg, N. Y.	M	W	M	Woodchopper			John Dukette	Jos'hine Chamberlin

SABIN N. GUERTIN, *Town Clrek*

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IN CASE OF FIRE

Dial STory 3-6777

This number calls the "Red Telephones" a conference hook-up of 3 special lines in the Center. These telephones are so constructed that no outgoing calls can be made from them; therefore the line is never busy.

Call this number *only* to report a fire. Give your name, the exact location of the fire, and describe the fire carefully. Operators at the Center will call all necessary help. If outside help is needed, the proper equipment will be sent from the Department nearest the fire.

Don't hesitate to call us for any fire, or threat of fire, no matter how small. If you have a flooded oil burner, or a chimney fire, or a short circuit, don't wait to see what it's going to do. Just call STory 3-6777. We're at your service day or night.

All other fire department calls, dial STory 3-6011 for the firehouse and STory 3-6921 for the fire Chief's house.

CANTERBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.